

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 012431

11

ORIGIN EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04

RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 /069 R

DRAFTED BY EA/P:STAFF:PP

APPROVED BY EA/P:WMAGRUDER

----- 024910

R 182354Z JAN 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

INFO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

AMCONSUL CAN THO

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

USDEL JEC PARIS

USSAG NAKHON PHANOM

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

COGARD POLAD

XMT AMEMBASSY SUVA

UNCLAS STATE 012431

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: PFOR, XC, US

SUBJECT: JANUARY 18 EA PRESS SUMMARY

INDOCHINA

1. TENSION HEIGHTENS IN PARACELS. SAIGON MILITARY SOURCES REPORT PRC SENT TWO GUNBOATS TO DISPUTED ISLANDS AFTER INCIDENT WHEN GVN MILITARY FIRED MG BURSTS AT CHINESE ON ROBERT IS. NO CASUALTIES OR RETURN FIRE REPORTED. SVN HAS SENT SIX OF ITS "BIGGEST WARSHIPS" -- 2800-TON WWII VESSELS -- TO AREA (REUTER, NYT). GVN UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 012431

GUNBOATS WATCH CHINESE IN PARACELS (BALT. N-A, JAN 17). GVN MILITARY COMMAND SAYS SHIPS WILL FOLLOW, BUT NOT FIRE UPON, CHINESE GUNBOATS IN PARACELS (REUTER; SUN; WP). SVN GUNBOATS STAYING AT LEAST 500 YDS FROM CHINESE BOATS AS REQUIRED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW (PHINQ). SVN MAINTAINS 30-MAN PLATOON ON PATTON IS. IN PARACELS.

GVN SPOKESMAN SAYS VIETNAMESE HAVE HAD WEATHER STATION AND MILITARY UNITS IN PARACELS SINCE 1932 (WP).

2. GROUP OF 50 OPPOSITION SENATORS AND DEPUTIES DENOUNCES BILL PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW THIEU RUN FOR THIRD TERM; SAYS CHANGES DESIGNED TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY AND ESTABLISH SVN TOTALITARIANISM (WP).

3. ARVN REPORTS FIERCE CLASHES IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE IN DELTA WITH 71 COMMUNISTS AND 4 GVN TROOPS KIA (REUTER).

4. OVER 100 US CIVILIANS TRAPPED IN NEWPORT COMMISSARY, NEAR SAIGON, BY ANGRY CROWD AFTER USAID WIFE APPARENTLY PANICKED WHEN CAR BLOCKED BY STRIKERS AND DROVE THROUGH DEMONSTRATORS, KILLING WOMAN AND SERIOUSLY INJURING MAN. POLICE LATER CLEAR CROWD, ALLOW BESIEGED TO LEAVE (REUTER).

5. RLG AND PL INITIAL AGREEMENT ON ORGANIZATION OF ARMED FORCES TO INSURE NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. ACCORD DEALS WITH FORCE SIZE, EQUIPMENT, RESPONSIBILITIES AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS. EACH SIDE ALLOWED 1200 MEN IN VIENTIANE AND 600 IN LUANG PRABANG WITH EQUAL WEAPONS AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. ALL OTHER TROOPS BANNED FROM WITHIN NINE MILES OF CENTER OF BOTH CITIES, AS ARE OVERFLIGHTS AND FIRING SHELLS AND ROCKETS OVER AREA. JOINT COMMAND STAFF TO BE CHOSEN WITH DECISIONS TO BE UNANIMOUS, AND EACH SIDE WILL HAVE SECTOR OF RESPONSIBILITY IN BOTH CITIES. OTHER ISSUES STILL BEFORE JCCIA ARE FUNCTIONING OF JOINT POLICE, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THAT MIGHT ARISE WITHIN POLICE, SUPPLYING PL FORCES IN CITIES AND ADMIN. OF CITIES. PL SPOKESMAN BLAMES UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 012431

"RIGHT WING EXTREMISTS" AND US "IMPERIALISTS" FOR LACK OF FURTHER PROGRESS (AFP, NYT).

6. MANSFIELD SAYS HE SENT PRES. AND SECSTATE COPIES OF SIHANOUK CABLES THAT EXPRESS FEAR OF NEW US BOMBING IN CAMBODIA. CABLES CHARGE GKR WILL SOON ASK USG FOR USAF INTERVENTION ON "PRETEXT" THAT NVA AND VC FIGHTING THERE. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS DISCLAIM KNOWLEDGE OR EXPECTATION OF REQUEST FOR

BOMBING, NOTE THAT HAK HAS SAID ADMIN WILL COMPLY WITH LEGISLATION BANNING REINTRODUCTION OF US COMBAT FORCES INTO INDOCHINA WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL (WP; PHINQ).

CHINA

7. FROM PEKING, DAVID BONAVIA (BALTO N-A, JAN. 17) REPORTS HUANG SHUAI, 12-YEAR-OLD PEKING SCHOOL GIRL, BEING MADE OBJECT OF NATIONAL PROPAGANDA CULT BECAUSE SHE PUBLICIZED HER DIARY NOTES CRITICIZING HER TEACHER. SAYS IT IS OFFICIALLY ADMITTED THAT MANY TEACHERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THREAT TO DISCIPLINE

POSED BY MOVEMENT, BUT IT IS CLAIMED THAT TARGET IS "REVISIONISM," NOT TEACHERS THEMSELVES. OBSERVES THAT PEKING IS OUTWARDLY CALM AND RELAXED WITH CROWDS SHOPPING BUSILY IN ADVANCE OF CHINESE NEW YEAR; BUT CCP IS APPARENTLY TRYING HARD TO STIR UP NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND PARTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WARNED TO BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE CORRECT LINE OF ACTION AND FOLLOW IT WHEN TIMES COMES.

8. SUN REPORT FROM MOSCOW SAYS USSR IS STILL TRYING END FEUD WITH ALBANIA, PRC'S ALLY. CITES NEW TIMES, AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAGAZINE, AS SAYING THURSDAY THAT MOSCOW WANTS RESTORE NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR COMMUNIST PARTIES AND RESUME FRIENDLY COOPERATION. NOTES THAT ALBANIA MASS MEDIA STILL KEEP UP HEAVY PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST USSR, WHICH IT ACCUSES OF IMPERIALISM, UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 012431

BUT MOSCOW HAS TONED DOWN ITS BROADCASTS TO ALBANIA AND OFFERS ONLY MILD CRITICISM IN PRESS. EE DIPLOMATS SUGGEST MOSCOW HOPES ITS CONTINUED APPEAL, COUPLED WITH HINTS OF SOVIET ECON AID, WILL PROVIDE HOXHA OPPONENTS WITH LEVERAGE THEY NEED TO FORCE CHANGE OF POLICY OR EVEN OUST HIM FROM LEADERSHIP. HOXHA HAS NOT LEFT ALBANIA SINCE 1960 - REFLECTION, E EUROPEANS SAY, OF HIS INSECURITY.

9. UNSC VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE CHINESE ONE OF ITS WORKING LANGUAGES (WP).

10. SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO REPORTS GOJ YESTERDAY UNVEILED PLAN, APPARENTLY APPROVED IN PEKING, THAT WOULD LET PRC AND GRC LAND PLANES IN TOKYO WITHOUT LOSING FACE BY MAINTAINING MYTH EACH OPERATING WORLD'S ONLY CHINA AIRLINES. UNDER PLAN, JAL WOULD STOP FLYING TO TAIPEI, AND GO TO PEKING INSTEAD; SMALLER, DOMESTIC AIRLINE WOULD TAKE OVER TAIWAN ROUTE. MEANWHILE, PEKING'S CHINA AIRLINES FLIGHTS WOULD LAND AT SOON-TO-BE COMPLETED NARITA AIRPORT ON OUTSKIRTS OF TOKYO. TAIWAN PLANES WOULD LAND AT PRESENT TOKYO AIRPORT, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS WHEN NEW AIRPORT OPENED. UNTIL NARITA AIRPORT READY,

GOJ AVIATION OFFICIALS WOULD BE CAREFUL IN SCHEDULING
ARRIVALS TO MAKE SURE PLANES FROM TWO CHINAS
NOT AT SAME AIRPORT SAME TIME.

11. LAT'S ELEGANT (PHINQ) IN TAIPEI REPORTS TAIWAN
ECON SURVIVING UNSCATHED DESPITE GRC RAPID POLITICO-
DIPLOMATIC DECLINE; INDEED, ITS INTERNAL ECONOMY

AND WORLDWIDE TRADE HAVE ACTUALLY GROWN MORE RAPIDLY
SINCE GRC'S DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS BECAME ACUTE IN
1971. GNP HAS BEEN GROWING AT ANNUAL "REAL" RATE
OF BETTER THAN 11 PERCENT; TRADE INCREASING BY ALMOST
INCREDIBLE 50 PERCENT YEARLY. INDICATIVE OF MAJOR
ROLE TRADE PLAYS IN ECONOMY, IN 1972, IMPORTS-EXPORTS
AMOUNTED TO 87.5 PERCENT OF TOTAL GNP; IN 1973,
SUCH TRADE WILL BE MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF GNP.
TOTAL TRADE IN 1972 WAS 5.6 BILLION DOLS; 7.5 BILLION
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 012431

DOLS IN 1973, AND PROJECTIONS FOR 1974 RANGE TO
12 BILLION DOLS - ALL WITH STURDY BALANCE IN TAIWAN'S
FAVOR. FINMIN K.T. LI SAYS TAIWAN EXPORT-ORIENTED
ECONOMY BENEFITTING GREATLY, BUT IS ALSO VERY VULNERABLE
TO CHANGES IN WORLD TRADING PATTERNS - LIKE INFLATION,
MONETARY CRISIS, OIL CUTBACKS. HE PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGES
THAT TAIWAN'S PRESENT PROSPERITY IS BASED FIRMLY
ON GENEROUS US AID SUPPLIED FROM 1950-65. ELEGANT
COMMENTS THAT LI AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE TOO MODEST
TO POINT OUT THAT TAIWAN IS MOST SPECTACULAR - IF
NOT ONLY - EXAMPLE OF TRULY EFFECTIVE US AID TO
UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY.

INDONESIA

12. UPI JAKARTA REPORTS MILITARY AUTHORITIES THURSDAY
CLOSED NEWSPAPER AND TWO RADIO STATIONS (ONE STUDENT-
RUN) IN WAKE OF RIOTS DURING TANAKA VISIT. GOI
ACCUSED PAPER AND STATIONS OF PROVOCATIVE REPORTING
(NYT, WP). REUTER JAKARTA SAYS LEADING INDO INTELLECTU-
ALS HAVE BEEN PULLED IN FOR QUESTIONING FOLLOWING
RECENT ANTI-JAPANESE VIOLENCE. TROOPS CONTINUED
MAKING ARRESTS UNTIL LATE THURSDAY NIGHT, ARMY SOURCES
DISCLOSED. AMONG THOSE ARRESTED WERE TWO LECTURERS
AND JOURNALIST. GEN. PANGGABEAN CLAIMS COMMUNISTS
HAD INFILTRATED STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS AND FIRED
SHOTS, CAUSING PANIC.

JAPAN

JAPAN

, - - - --

13. TANAKA MET IMMEDIATELY WITH GOVT. OFFICIALS
AFTER RETURNING TO TOKYO; TOLD THEM HE WAS SATISFIED

WITH RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH SEA LEADERS, FEELS TRIP HELPED DEEPEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING (AP SUN, PHINQ).

14. JAPAN SIGNS AGREEMENT TO LEND IRAQ 1 BILLION DOLS TO FINANCE POL AND INDUSTRY PROJECTS IN RETURN FOR CRUDE OIL, ACCORDING IRAQI NEWS AGENCY. SAYS

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 012431

AMONG PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED ARE LNG PLANT AND OIL REFINERY (UPI NYT, WP).

15. IN JAKARTA, WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS GROWING DISPLAY OF GOVT. POWER AND AUTHORITY HAVE BROUGHT UNEASY PEACE; SUPERFICIALLY, CITY APPEARS ALMOST NORMAL EXCEPT FOR REMAINING DEBRIS, PRESENCE OF MANY ARMED TROOPS AND CONTINUING NIGHT CURFEW. ON OTHER HAND, CITIZENS REPORT HEAVY PRESSURE BEING EXERTED IN SOME MARKET AREAS BY UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS DEMANDING FOOD SHOPS REMAIN CLOSED. IN APPARENT MOVE TO IMPROVE CONTACT WITH STUDENTS, SUHARTO HAS NAMED AMB. THAJEB AS EDUCATION MINISTER. ALSO, FACT THAT INFO MINISTER, RATHER THAN GEN. SUMITRO, ANNOUNCED THURDAY'S NEW SIX-POINT PROGRAM FOR RESTORATION OF ORDER WAS CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT BY INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS, IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT SUMITRO IS MAJOR CONTENDER IN BEHIND-SCENES MILITARY STRUGGLE REPORTEDLY GOING ON.

16. AP CAMBRIDGE REPORTS YASUKAWA PRESENTED HARVARD U 1 MILLION DOLS WEDNESDAY AS PART OF JAPAN'S 10 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO US UNIVERSITIES IN SUPPORT OF JAPANESE STUDIES. HARVARD GRANT WILL GO TOWARD 15 MILLION DOLLAR JAPAN INSTITUTE, FOR WHICH FUNDS BEING SOUGHT, THAT WILL BE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR SCHOLARS, DIPLOMATS, JOURNALISTS. HARVARD PRES. BOK ACCEPTED GIFT FROM AMB. AT CERENOMY ATTENDED BY LEADING MEMBERS OF SCHOOL'S JAPANESE STUDIES FACULTY (LAT).

THAILAND

17. NYT'S CLARITY, IN BANGKOK, SAYS RTG EXPRESSED OFFICIAL DISSATISFACTION TO US THURSDAY OVER ADMITTED CIA INTERFERENCE IN THAI AFFAIRS. FORNMINISTRY SAYS KINTNER, AT HIS REQUEST, MET WITH SANYA AND WAS TOLD OF DISSATISFACTION OF THAI STUDENTS AND PEOPLE WITH CIA GENERAL BEHAVIOR WITHIN COUNTRY; AMB. REPORTEDLY ASSURED SANYA AGAIN THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO PREVENT FUTURE INTERFERENCE.

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 07 STATE 012431

SINGAPORE

,8. IN NEWS CONFERENCE WINDING UP 48-HOUR STATE VISIT TO PHILIPPINES, LEEKUAN YEW SAID THURSDAY THAT SMALLER SEA COUNTRIES STILL NEED BIG POWERS FOR PROTECTION

AGAINST ATTACK; ADDED HE IS CONCERNED BECAUSE WATERGATE SCANDAL HAS LIMITED US ABILITY TO REACT TO LESS URGENT ISSUES (AP, WP).

AUSTRALIA

19. REUTER REPORTS FLOOD WATERS HAVE ALREADY CLAIMED 17 LIVES IN E. AUSTRALIA AND ARE THREATENING TO IMMERSE WALGETT, TOWN OF 1,700 (WP).

KOREA

20. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS PARK ON THURSDAY PROPOSED NK-SK NON-AGGRESSION PACT THAT COULD ENSURE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE UNTIL EVENTUAL REUNIFICATION. BUT HE REJECTED NK PLAN INVOLVING BOTH PEACE TREATY AND NORTH-SOUTH CONFEDERATION.

BALL

21. GEO. W. BALL ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ASIA SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUCCEEDING JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER 3D. SOCIETY PRES. TALBOT HAILS BALL'S "EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ASIAN AFFAIRS" THAT "ADMIRABLY SUITS HIM TO HEAD SO DIVERSIFIED AND GROWING AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT" AS SOCIETY'S (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

22. NICK VON HOFFMAN (WP) CALLS ATTENTION TO REP. ASPIN'S DISCOVERY CONTRACTS FOR AIR AMERICA, CIA'S "TRANSPARENTLY PHONY AIRLINE," HAVE DOUBLED TO MORE THAN 41 MILLION DOLS, WHICH "IT IS ASSUMED BY THOSE WHO STUDY THE OUTFIT'S MURKY DOINGS" WILL BE SPENT "ENCOURAGING OUR MERCENARIES UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 08 STATE 012431

TO MUCK AROUND LAOS ANEW." MAINTAINS THAT BY END OF FY '74, US MILITARY COSTS IN INDOCHINA WILL BE RUNNING AT ABOVE 4 BILLION DOLS YEARLS, WHICH NECESSARILY MEANS VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENTS AND ALSO "BREAKING OUR WORD" BY INTRODUCING NEW COMBAT PLANE, "GLORIOUSLY AND HONORABLY NAMED TIGER II FREEDOM FIGHTERS." SEES USAF GEN. BLANK'S EXPLANATION MEANING WE ARE RETURNING TO "OUR OLD WINNING

FORMULA OF GUNS AND MILITARY ADVISERS, OF WHICH IT IS
NOW BELIEVED WE HAVE 20,000 SNEAKING ABOUT THOSE DEAR,
OLD FAMILIAR PALMS. THUS, INSTEAD OF USING OUR DECISIVE
LEVERAGE TO MAKE HIM ABIDE BY IT, WE ARE APPARENTLY EGG-
ING THIEU ON TO FORGET" PARIS AGREEMENTS "WHICH WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE OUR TICKETS OUT OF THAT BOG." ARGUES
THAT COMMIES HAVE MOST OF CAMBODIA NOW, WILL GET REMAINDER
SOON ENOUGH AND ULTIMATELY WILL GET THIEU, ALSO. ASKS
"WHAT'S WRONG WITH" INDOCHINA REDS? "THEY'RE FAR
LESS OBNOXIOUS" THAN THOSE IN MOSCOW OR PEKING,
"AND BEING FEWER IN NUMBER AND POORER IN RESOURCES,
ARE MUCH LESS THREAT."

23. S-N'

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 27 JUL 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS CONFERENCES, COMBAT OPERATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE012431
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EA/P:STAFF:PP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740175/abbrzbut.tel
Line Count: 338
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 7
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: WorrelSW
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 25 FEB 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 FEB 2002 by chappeld>; APPROVED <20-Nov-2002 by WorrelSW>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JANUARY 18 EA PRESS SUMMARY
TAGS: PFOR, XC, US
To: SAIGON INFO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS
BIEN HOA
CAN THO
DANANG
HONG KONG
NHA TRANG
JEC PARIS

USSAG NAKHON PHANOM
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
COGARD POLAD
XMT SUVA

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005